

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 4, and 11 have been amended as set forth herein; claims 3 and 13 were cancelled.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

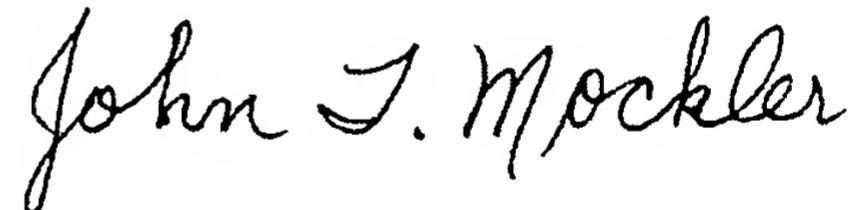
As a result of the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at jmockler@munckcarter.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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